



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



ALL ARE WELCOME

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

- † All children are welcome to participate in worship. A nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger; an usher will be happy to direct you. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called for the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to sit with their family. If you are visiting today or this is your child's first time in Children's Church, we ask that a parent accompany their child to the Fellowship Hall in order to meet our staff and provide emergency contact information.
- † Children's bulletins, books, and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.
- † Please visit the hospitality table in the Greeting Space after worship for a cool beverage and information about the Highlands family. Feel free to call or email the church with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.
- † Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at public parking deck on Magnolia Avenue, and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
LITURGIST – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS
CHILDREN’S MOMENT – REGGIE HOLDER

*Congregation please stand
Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Serving for Altar Guild: Jody Stewart
Serving as Ushers: Mark Chambers, Danny Jones
Serving as Communion Stewards: Lakey Boyd, Fran Hopkins, Reina McFarlin
Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger
Serving as Lay Reader: Michele Nailen

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Ellis Landers, Chimer

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRELUDE

Andante tranquillo in F Major
from Six Preludes and Postludes, Opus 105

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICAEA
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne
Descant Setting: Anthony Baldwin

*COLLECT FOR PURITY

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*See Pew Insert*)

Glory to You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. **Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;**
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
2. **Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name;**
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
3. **Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;**
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
4. **Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;**
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
5. **Glory to you, beholding the depths;**
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
6. **Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?
²Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.
³There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
⁴In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.
He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.
⁵He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

EPISTLE LESSON

James 1:17-27
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Reggie Holder

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*SEQUENCE HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

*GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Musical Setting: Elise Eslinger (b. 1943)

*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The Communion Table is open to all who are in love with God and their neighbor and seek forgiveness and healing in this broken world.

*THE PEACE

*The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

Create In Me a Clean Heart

The Choir

*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit.*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus Lamb of God

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

MOTET

God Be In My Head

The Choir

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and in my departing.*

John Rutter (b.1945)

Text, Sarum Primer, 1514

ORGAN SOLO

Berceuse

from Seven Pieces for Organ, Opus 77, No. 1

Alexandré Guilmant (1837-1911)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN 433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

*THE BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Sevenfold Amen

The Choir

Peter Christian Lutkin (1858-1931)

After the retiring procession concludes, you are invited to be seated in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the voluntary.

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Postlude-Grand Choeur
from Seven Pieces for Organ, Opus 77, No. 1

Alexandré Guilmant

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS



Commission on a Way Forward

Information Sessions



SESSION 1: WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

October 7 at 9:30 AM - Fellowship Hall OR
October 11 at 6:30 PM - Home of Martha Council



SESSION 2: WHAT ARE THE PLANS?

October 14 at 9:30 AM - Fellowship Hall OR
October 18 at 6:30 PM - Home of Jim & Romona Shannon



SESSION 3: HOW WILL THIS AFFECT HIGHLANDS?

October 21 at 9:30 AM - Fellowship Hall OR
October 25 at 6:30 PM - Home of Steve & Lisa Alexander

CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

with Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett and District Superintendent Reverend Rick Owen
October 15 at 6:30 PM - St. Mark UMC, 2901 Columbiana Rd, Vestavia Hills

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.HIGHLANDSUMC.NET/WAY-FORWARD

CHILDREN'S DOODLE SPACE

In the space below, draw a picture of your favorite Highlands stained glass window. Crayons are available at the Sanctuary entrances.



Vision Statement

*Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ;
a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent
into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors;
and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.*

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